

REMARKS

In the Detailed Action dated January 28, 2009, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejections against independent claim 1, but reversed all rejections against claims 6 and 7. The Board stated that no claims are allowed but stated that claims 6 and 7 may be presented in independent form to prevent abandonment of the application. Thus, claims 6 and 7 have been amended, as shown above, such that claims 6 and 7 are now in independent form. Additionally, claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 6, and claims 1, 2, 5 and 8-20 have been canceled without prejudice. For at least these reasons, claims 3, 4, 6 and 7 are allowable, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons given above, claims 3, 4, 6, and 7 define patentable subject matter and are thus allowable. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

No fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,



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